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Burning of " Kamba Ramayanam "

* 204 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of DR. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Sri E. V. Ramaswami Naicker invited his followers to burn " Kamba Ramayanam " in public at Tiruchirappalli on 10th April 1965; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No. However, it has been reported that Sri E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker appealed to the Tamilians to write the word " Kamba Ramayanam " on a bit of paper and burn it.

(*b*) As there was no appreciable response to the appeal, no action was taken.

Organisations and institutions formed on Caste or Community basis

* 205 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of DR. T. V. Sivanandam): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to ban organisations and institutions formed on caste or community basis; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

New Weaving mill for the State

* 206 *Q.*—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to start a new weaving mill in the State; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Surrender of Bus permits

* 207 *Q.*—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of bus permits surrendered to the Government from 1st April 1960 district-wise in the State to the end of 1964, and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) & (b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Loss of Foodgrains

* 208 Q.—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the total loss of foodgrains under Government control on account of various factors like insects, rats, moistures, etc., in the State since June 1964;

(b) the value thereof; and

(c) the precaution taken to prevent such losses ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) 212 bags of rice (till April 1965).

(b) About Rs. 12,720 (till April 1965).

(c) This occurred mostly during the crises of October—December 1964 before technical staff could be posted. Now that adequate staff has been posted to attend to periodical spraying and fumigation, no such damage is likely to occur in future.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Out of the three factors mentioned in the question, which is the factor that has caused the highest damage, Sir ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : The damage was not much by rats or insects, but it was due to the wet condition of rice particularly that prepared by mills in Tiruchirappalli.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : It was stated that rice was damaged due to moisture. May I know, Sir, whether that rice was thrown out or powdered and used as 'atta'?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : I do not think that we should make the damaged rice into 'atta'. If the rice is spoiled, we are not giving it for human consumption at all in any form.

DR. H. V. HANDE : May I know, Sir, whether any rice bags have been spoiled during transit in train due to rain ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : During this particular critical period of October-November last year, the rice prepared by the mills was brought from distant places to Madras. The rice brought was in some sort of wet condition. Due to pressure, some of the bags were damaged. The damage was not due to any sort of exposure, insects or rats, Sir. It was only due to the wet condition of the rice during transit.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : What happens is this. These Procurement Officers are different from the Officers entrusted with a work of sale. In cases of heavy loss, will it

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